

7 securely held in the mold 33 while being floated in the spaces 34. In order to ensure that the  
8 semi-finished product 32 is securely held at a central position thereof, it is preferable that one of  
9 mold members of the mold 33 be mounted thereon with a fixing pin (not shown), resulting in the  
10 semi-finished product 32 being abutted at a lower abdomen thereof against a distal end of the  
11 fixing pin. After the mold 33 is closed, a molten material (thermoplastic elastomer of 30 in  
12 hardness) is injected through runners 26b into the spaces 34. When the mold 33 is opened after  
13 cooling thereof, a finished product wherein the skeleton member 7 is covered with the skin/flesh  
14 member 6 is obtained, as shown in Fig. 17. The lower abdomen of the elastic doll is formed  
15 thereon with a mark 35 of the fixing pin. However, it is normally covered with underwear, to  
16 thereby be out of sight, so that the mark may be ignored.

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2 Manufacturing or molding of the elastic doll shown in Fig. 17 is not limited to the above-  
3 described manner. For example, the elbows 29, hands 30 and feet 31 may be formed together  
4 with other parts in the last step.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 1-~~17~~, 19 and 33-~~36~~.

Please amend the following claims:

1 18. (Amended) A method for manufacturing an elastic doll comprising the steps of:  
2 insert molding second cores on each of flexible first cores so as to be spaced from  
3 each other using a skeleton forming material of a rigid synthetic resin, to thereby form a skeleton  
4 member including said first and second cores connected to each other; and